

REMARKS

Claims 36-48 are pending and under consideration in the above-identified application. Claims 1-35 were previously cancelled and remain cancelled and claims 43-48 were withdrawn and remain withdrawn.

In the Office Action of February 23, 2009, claims 23-25, 35, 36-42 were rejected.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 23-25 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Isoyama* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,093,503) ("*Isoyama*"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claims 1-35 were cancelled in a previous amendment. Therefore, Applicants request the office action be reconsidered considering pending claims 36-42.

Claims 36-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Isoyama* in view of *Miyasaka* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,869,208) ("*Miyasaka*"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The arguments made in the Examiner's rejection do not coincide with the subject matter of claims 36-42. Specifically, the Examiner argues against elements which are not included in the current claims 36-42, such as the mixture of graphite and polyvinylidene. Further, in the rejection, the Examiner states that the prior art overcomes claim 28, a cancelled claim. Therefore, Applicants request the office action be reconsidered considering the correct content of pending claims 36-42.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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